

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER  
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM  
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

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**Project Details**

- 1. Project title:** Oregon Veterans' Job Search Assistance Program
  
- 2. Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds): Oregon Employment Department; 875 Union St NE; Salem, OR 97311
  
- 3. Contact information**
  - a. Project's primary contact:** Jim Booker, Veterans Program Coordinator, Oregon Employment Department
  - b. Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 503-947-1845
  - c. Email Address:** james.h.booker@state.or.us
  - d. Project location** (if different than organization's address): WorkSource Oregon field offices throughout the state through Local Veteran Employment Representatives (LVER) and Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) staff.
  
- 4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.** The Oregon Employment Department, through field LVER and DVOP representatives, assist veterans in obtaining employment and removing any barriers to employment.
  
- 5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?** Public
  
- 6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration
  
- 7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested** (no more than 500 words). Oregon Veterans will receive career counseling and skills assessment to help them create a detailed job search plan, and financial assistance to overcome common economic barriers to employment. These barriers include job search transportation costs, rent and utility costs, clothing, business license fees, and the need for short-term training to increase job skills.
  
- 8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?** Provide direct service funds to veterans through Local Veteran Employment Representatives and Disabled Veteran Outreach Program staff for the purpose of overcoming veterans' economic barriers to employment.

Oregon Employment Department has received Stimulus funds for claimant reemployment, but not to provide direct assistance to out-of-work veterans. This request will address a need not covered

under the current Stimulus program. Our returning veterans will benefit from supportive services including transportation costs, rent and utility allowances, and license fees to enable them to obtain employment. Helping veterans obtain employment on their return should be a priority, and will lead to more stable communities, a decrease in homelessness, and increased family stability.

The stress of multiple deployments and economic recession in Oregon creates the need for assistance. Financial assistance provided directly to veterans re-entering the workforce is expected to help approximately 300-400 individuals annually.

**9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?** No appropriations received in prior years.

**9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.** N/A

### **Funding Details**

**10. Amount requested for this project:** \$750,000

**11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):** Salary \$750,000

**12. What is the total cost of the project?** \$825,000

**13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?** Yes

**14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)** Oregon Employment Department LVER and DVOP staff will provide in-kind support in the form of support staff for this effort.

**15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.** Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, Oregon Military Department (letters of support attached).